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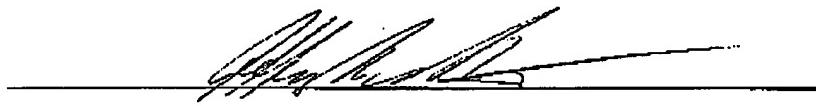
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Sir:

This is a full and timely response to the final Office Action mailed July 27, 2005 (hereinafter "the Office Action"). Reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.